

on water quality in the San Joaquin River, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, or San Francisco Bay. I was pleased to accept the gentleman from California's amendment during the committee's consideration of H.R. 3077. Governor Davis' letter also expresses his support for this amendment.

Madam Speaker, San Luis Unit farmers are the only farmers in the State of California who must farm under an outdated legal restriction that prevents them from supplementing their water supplies. H.R. 3077, as amended, will correct this inequity and will encourage responsible water use and cooperation among California water users.

I urge my colleagues to support the enactment of H.R. 3077, as amended.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH), a cosponsor of this legislation.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from California for yielding me this time.

As a cosponsor of H.R. 3077, I want to express my support for this bill on the floor. As we all know, water is a precious commodity in the State of California and particularly in the great Central Valley. I have seen the extra mile that water users in this area have taken to conserve water. This is not enough, however, because their water supply reliability has been significantly reduced and no certainty in supply is on the horizon for California agriculture and urban water users.

The Central Valley has a long agricultural history, producing over 250 of California's crops. With its fertile soil, temperate climate, and water supply capabilities, the Central Valley produces 8 percent of the agricultural output in the United States, on less than 1 percent of our Nation's farmland. Valley farmers grow nearly half of the fresh fruits and vegetables grown in the entire Nation.

At the same time, the Central Valley is the fastest growing region in the State, placing an ever-increasing demand on its urban water requirements. While agricultural and urban water demands are often in competition with one another, neither can be provided for unless a reliable supply of water is made available. Long-term environmental and habitat restoration needs of the Central Valley ecosystem must also be addressed, squeezing still more water out of a dwindling supply. Currently, under the CVPIA, over one million acre-feet of water is provided for environmental purposes each year.

The demands for agricultural, environmental and urban water uses in the great Central Valley are endless. Since water is directly tied to the economy,

any disturbance in its supply will almost certainly result in the loss of jobs and agricultural production. By the year 2020, a net loss of 2.3 million acre-feet of water is projected for agricultural use. This is unacceptable and irresponsible. The impact of such a decline would be devastating. Thus, an adequate water supply should and must be secured.

For these reasons, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 3077. This measure gives water users the ability to obtain water from the State of California by facilitating water transfers at the San Luis Unit. Currently, the San Luis Act prohibits the State from allowing water to go through the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project. This will be corrected under H.R. 3077 and some of the tremendous strains on water supplies in the State will be alleviated.

Again, I support this bill and urge its passage.

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3077, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 359, H.R. 3002, and H.R. 3077.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2904) to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to reauthorize funding for the Office of Government Ethics, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2904

*by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 405 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "1997 through 1999" and inserting "2000 through 2003".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

#### SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE".

(a) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 202(a).—Subsection (a) of section 202 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) For the purpose of sections 203, 205, 207, 208, 209, and 219 of this title the term 'special Government employee' shall mean—

"(1) an officer or employee as defined in subsection (c) who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed in the legislative or executive branch of the United States Government, in any independent agency of the United States, or in the government of the District of Columbia, and who, at the time of retention, designation, appointment, or employment, is expected to perform temporary duties on a full-time or intermittent basis for not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days;

"(2) a part-time United States commissioner;

"(3) a part-time United States magistrate;

"(4) an independent counsel appointed under chapter 40 of title 28 and any person appointed by that independent counsel under section 594(c) of title 28;

"(5) a person serving as a part-time local representative of a Member of Congress in the Member's home district or State; and

"(6) a Reserve officer of the Armed Forces, or an officer of the National Guard of the United States, who is not otherwise an officer or employee as defined in subsection (c) and who is—

"(A) on active duty solely for training (notwithstanding section 2105(d) of title 5);

"(B) serving voluntarily for not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days; or

"(C) serving involuntarily."

(b) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 202(c).—Subsection (c) of 202 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(c)(1) The terms 'officer' and 'employee' in sections 203, 205, 207 through 209, and 218 of this title shall include—

"(A) an individual who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed in the United States Government or in the government of the District of Columbia to perform, with or without compensation and subject to the supervision of the President, the Vice President, a Member of Congress, a Federal judge, or an officer or employee of the United States or of the government of the District of Columbia, a Federal or District of Columbia function under authority of law or an Executive act;

"(B) a Reserve officer of the Armed Forces or an officer of the National Guard of the United States who is serving voluntarily in excess of 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days; and

"(C) the President, the Vice President, a Member of Congress or a Federal judge, but only to the extent specified in any such section.

"(2) As used in paragraph (1), the term 'Federal or District of Columbia function' shall include, but not be limited to—

"(A) supervising, managing, directing or overseeing a Federal or District of Columbia officer or employee in the performance of such officer's or employee's official duties;

"(B) participating in the Federal or District of Columbia government's internal deliberative process, such as by providing regular advice, counsel, or recommendations to the President, the Vice President, a Member of Congress, or any other Federal or District